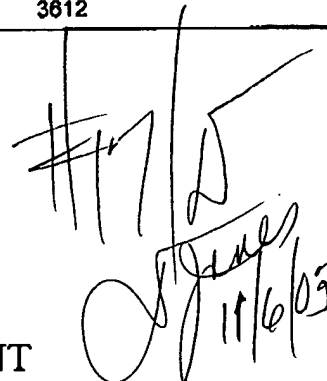


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TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

The above identified applicant respectfully requests the Commissioner of Patents consider the enclosed remarks and enter the following submission into the record, in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated August 4, 2003. Reconsideration in light of this submission is respectfully requested. If the Examiner requires additional action that may benefit from a telephone call, Applicant invites a call to its attorney of record, John Smith T (Reg. No. 39,840). E-mail correspondence and transactions to [jsmitht@bradleyarant.com](mailto:jsmitht@bradleyarant.com) are authorized and encouraged.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

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**Appendix** being pen-and-ink proposed drawing revision, being on page 14 of this paper.

**A Certificate of Transmission** is attached as Page 17 of this paper.